

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component stock containing said admixture is applied to said web face in an upper-wire unit.

Please amend Claim 8 to read as follows:

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8. (Amended) A method for layering of an admixture in a web former unit of a board machine in which two or more webs are formed by means of separate web former units and then combined with one another to form a multi-layered web, comprising the steps of:
dividing a flow of fresh stock into at least two component stock flows;
adding of an admixture to a selected one of the at least two component stock flows;
passing said at least two component flows into a multi-layer headbox; and
passing said at least two component flows from said headbox into a gap former;
wherein said selected one of said at least two stock flows is used for forming a first layer of a web, said first layer having a face that will be placed against and combined with a face of a second layer of said web, said admixture being added for increasing a fines content in said first and second web layers and increasing the bonding strength between said combined faces of said first and second web layers.

Marked-up copy of claims as amended:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any of the claims] claim 1, wherein said component stock containing said [the layering of an] admixture [take place] is applied to said web face in an upper-wire unit.

8. (Amended) A method for layering of an admixture in a web former unit of a board machine in which two or more webs are formed by means of separate web former units and then combined with one another to form a multi-layered web, comprising the steps of:

dividing a flow of fresh stock into at least two component stock flows;

adding of an admixture to a selected one of the at least two component stock flows;

passing said at least two component flows into a multi-layer headbox; and

passing said at least two component flows from said headbox into a gap former;

wherein said selected one of said at least two stock flows is used for forming a first layer of a web, said first layer having a face that will be placed against and combined with a face of a second layer of said web, said admixture being [adapted] added for increasing [to increase the] a fines content in said first and second web layers and increasing the bonding strength between said combined faces of said first and second web layers.